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Dear Dr. Cowles,

Some rather suggestive results bearing on the occurrence of genetic recombination have come up with some of Burkholder's *E. subtilis* nutritional mutants. They are, however, quite inconclusive, and will remain so until I have some additional characters at my disposal. In the *E. coli* work, phage resistance worked very well. I wonder whether you can help me out at all to acquire some *subtilis* phages. The organism is the so-called Marburg strain. Do you have any on hand, or can you refer me to any other worker to whom I might apply?

Yours sincerely,

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